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In re U.S. Patent Application of

AMAMOTO et al.

Application Number: 09/873,206

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For: OPTICAL MEASUREMENT DEVICE

Attorney Docket No. NIPP.0001

Art Unit 3742

Examiner Hoang, Tu Ba

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

LETTER

Sir:

The below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

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| (x) | Request for Unintentionally
Delayed Claim for Priority | (x) Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.55(a)(1) (ii) |
| | | (x) Statement Regarding Unintentionally
Delayed Claim for Priority |
| | | (x) Check for \$1,300.00 |

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a National Stage of a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of December 1, 1999, of the PCT application number PCT/JP99/06749, which claims the priority of Japanese Patent Application 10-347299 filed December 7, 1998.

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**STATEMENT REGARDING UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.55(a)(1)(ii)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.55(a)(1)(ii), the undersigned attorneys for Applicants hereby state that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §1.55(a)(1) and the date the claim was filed was wholly unintentionally and due to an administrative oversight at the time of the original filing of the application on June 5, 2001. Due to an administrative error, the Request for Priority that was filed with the application on June 5, 2001, referred only to the filing date of PCT/JP99/06749 which was December 1, 1999, instead of also referring to the underlying Japanese Patent Application No. 10-347299 which was filed December 7, 1998.

We regret this unintentional delay and thank the Examiner for calling it to our attention in the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed August 19, 2003. We respectfully request that the claim of priority be granted.

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